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EDUCATION Ph.D. Philosophy, The Ohio State University (OSU), 2015.
M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University (WMU), 2010.
B.A. Philosophy, Biola University, 2005.

RESEARCH **Areas of Specialization**
Epistemology, Moral Psychology
Areas of Competence
Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Action, Ancient Philosophy

DISSERTATION Making Sense of Doxastic Blame: An Account of Control over Belief

Abstract: In my dissertation, I argue that we can be legitimately blamed for our beliefs, even though we do not have the same kind of control over our beliefs that we have over our actions. I first argue that we can account for doxastic blame by extending accounts of moral blame for action. Then I defend the legitimacy of doxastic blame by arguing that we have indirect control over our beliefs via the capacity to actively engage in reflection. Lastly, I argue that, given the relationship between faith and belief, our control over whether we have faith is similar to our control over our beliefs.

Committee: Declan Smithies (director), Abe Roth, and Timothy Schroeder

PUBLICATIONS “In Defense of Doxastic Blame,” forthcoming in *Synthese*.
“Faith, Belief, and Control,” forthcoming in *American Philosophical Quarterly*.

TALKS “Doxastic Blame,” Pacific APA, April 2016.
“In Defense of Epistemic Blame,” Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2015.
“The Ethics of Affluence and Charitable Giving,” Invited Talk, Baylor Undergraduate Philosophy Club, October 2015.
“A Framework for Determining the Aim of Faith,” Invited Talk, The Faith Project: The Value of Faith, Columbia, MO, July 2015.
“On the Control of Faith and Belief,” Invited Symposium: The Nature of Faith, Pacific APA, April 2015.
“Control, Faith, and Belief,” Invited Talk, The Faith Project: The Nature of Faith, Columbia, MO, July 2014.
“Doxastic Blame and Responsibility,” Distinguished Alumna Talk, Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, December 2014.
“Reason-Responsiveness and Voluntary Control,” Pacific APA, April 2014.

“Reason-Responsiveness and Voluntary Control,” Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, Baylor University, April 2014.
 “Epistemic Control and Responsibility,” Epistemology Brown Bag, Northwestern University, May 2013.
 “Believing the Speaker,” Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology Conference, April 2011.
 “No Necessary Condition for Self-Deception,” Brown Bag Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy, Western Michigan University, November 2010.

COMMENTS “Comments on Charity Anderson’s ‘Divine Hiddenness: Are Glimpses Enough?’,” The Nature and Value of Faith Conference, January 2016.
 “Comments on Jon Kvanvig’s ‘Faith, Cognitive and Affective’,” The Nature and Value of Faith Conference, November 2014.
 “Comments on Greg Antill’s ‘The Ethics of Self-Fulfilling Belief’,” Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology Conference, April 2013.
 “Comments on Todd Stewart’s ‘A Critique of Two Criteria for Epistemically Circular Belief’,” Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2012.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Logic. Fall 2016 (Baylor University)
 Introduction to Ethics: Love and Sex. Spring 2016 (Baylor University)
 Introduction to Ethics: Love and Sex. Fall 2015 (Baylor University)
 Social and Moral Problems in the Contemporary U.S. Fall 2013 (OSU)
 Philosophy and Public Affairs. Spring 2010, 2 sections (WMU)
 Philosophy and Public Affairs. Fall 2009, 2 sections (WMU)
 Critical Reasoning. Spring 2009, 2 sections (WMU)
 Critical Reasoning. Summer 2009 (WMU)

Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Religion. Spring 2015, Fall 2011 (OSU)
 Introduction to Probability. Spring 2013, Winter 2012, Spring 2011 (OSU)
 Theory of Knowledge. Spring 2012, Winter 2011 (OSU)
 Metaphysics, Religion, Magic: in the Scientific Revolution. Fall 2011 (OSU)
 Ancient Philosophy. Fall 2010 (OSU)
 Critical Reasoning. Fall 2008 (WMU)

HONORS
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AWARDS

Research Award, The Faith Project Seminar: The Nature of Faith, Summer 2015
 Research Award, The Faith Project Seminar: The Value of Faith, Summer 2014.
 Invited Participant, Southern Methodist University Analytic Theology Workshop, Summer 2014, Summer 2013.
 Invited Participant, St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, Summer 2012.
 Graduate Student Award for Teaching Effectiveness, Philosophy Department, Western Michigan University, Spring 2010. (Awarded to one graduate student in each department.)

REFeree WORK *dialectica*, Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology Conference, Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference

SERVICE New Student Welcoming Committee, Philosophy Department, OSU, 2010-2012.
Graduate Student Mentor, WMU, Fall 2009-Spring 2010.
Conference Organization Committee, Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, December 2008, December 2009.

GRADUATE COURSES **Epistemology**
Intuitions (Michael DePaul, Notre Dame, Spring 2013, Audit)
Epistemic Normativity (Declan Smithies, OSU, Spring 2012)
Contemporary Analytic Epistemology (Declan Smithies, OSU, Winter 2012)
Self-Knowledge and Introspection (Declan Smithies, OSU, Spring 2011)
Meaning and Testimony (Abe Roth and William Taschek, OSU, Fall 2010)
Skepticism and Closure (Marc Alsepector-Kelly, WMU, Spring 2010)
Internalism and Externalism (Timothy McGrew, WMU, Fall 2008)

Moral Psychology
Moral Psychology (Tim Schroeder, OSU, Fall 2013, Audit)
Practical Rationality (Tim Schroeder, OSU, Winter 2012)
Shared Agency (Abe Roth, OSU, Winter 2011)
Relational Normativity (Abe Roth, OSU, Fall 2011)
Moral Psychology (Michael Pritchard, WMU, Spring 2010)
Desire and Belief (Arthur Falk, WMU, Spring 2009)

Ethics and Philosophy of Action
Hume's Moral Theory (Sigrún Svavarsdóttir, OSU, Spring 2011)
Agency: Freedom and Responsibility (Richard Glatz, WMU, Spring 2009)
Action and Perception (Arthur Falk, WMU, Fall 2009)
Practical Ethics (Michael Pritchard, WMU, Summer 2009)

Philosophy of Religion and Ancient Philosophy
Aristotle's Metaphysics (Allan Silverman, OSU, Spring 2012)
19th Century Philosophy of Religion (Timothy McGrew, WMU, Spring 2009)

History of Philosophy
Locke contra Cartesian Dualism (Lisa Downing, OSU, Fall 2011)
Hume and Reid (Michael Pritchard, WMU, Fall 2008)

Logic, Mind, Metaphysics
Metaphysics (David Sanson, OSU, Spring 2012)
Mechanistic Explanation (Richard Samuels, OSU, Winter 2012)
Consciousness (Tim Schroeder, OSU, Spring 2011)
Advanced Symbolic Logic (Neil Tennant, OSU, Winter 2011)
Logic (Stewart Shapiro, OSU, Fall 2010)
Metaphysics of Propositions (Ben Caplan, OSU, Fall 2010)
Philosophical Applications of Probability (Timothy McGrew, WMU, Fall 2009)
Philosophy of Mind (Arthur Falk, WMU, Fall 2008, Audit)

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